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The Archie Wah Wahs are among the bands lined up to play a special charity gig in Folkestone to raise money for victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

Their catchy ska-punk sound will feature among a wide range of music being played to help the

estimated two million left homeless by last month's devastating earthquake.

Joining them will be local grunge-folk artist Tess, who will be previewing tracks from his forthcoming album Magpie, Pierre Vincent's band The Dealers and Chatham singer-songwriter Pete Molinari. There will also be a raffle or auction and other events. Tickets for the night on Wednesday, February 17, at 7pm are on sale at the box office in Tontine Street and cost £8 each or £9 on the door.

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A WASTE-RECYCLING centre in Sellindge would be an environmental "tipping point" and leave a disastrous legacy to the next generation, a meeting heard this week.

Almost 200 people packed Lympne village hall on Monday night to hear Shepway MP Michael Howard, councillors and the public speak out against the proposed anaerobic digestion plant.

The plant would take food and garden waste and break it down into fertiliser, while also producing electricity.

Kent County Council's planning committee had spent the day inspecting the Otterpool Quarry site and had arranged the meeting to hear feedback from locals, all of whom were opposed to the scheme.

Mr Howard said developer Countrystyle had to be forced to give a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and had failed to explain whether lorries would drive through the village to get to the site.

"Sellindge is an attractive village, but its environment is fragile. My concern is that if this application were granted, it will be the tipping point which would blight the environment of Sellindge and the lives of its residents for the future. And that, I would suggest to your committee, is not a legacy that our generation should leave to our successors."

Patrick Breen, owner of the Airport Café

directly opposite the proposed site, said: "One of the things that worries me most of all is that

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Revised offer means merger may be agreed

BY ED HILL

THE two sides hoping to steer South Kent College into a more certain future say they still hope merger plans can go ahead.

Two weeks ago, West Kent College, which was chosen as the best nearby educational body to merge with SKC, rejected a financial offer from the Learning Skills Council.

The Government body that funds post-16 learning had not written off £4.9 million of debt run up by South Kent.

Bill Fearon, principal of West Kent College, based in Tonbridge, said: "It did not meet the essential financial need to cover outstanding debts and provide sufficient investment to establish a successful new college through a merger."

Since SKC chose to pull out of the deal, the LSC has made an improved offer which West Kent governors agreed to last week.

Mr Fearon said: "West Kent College has not shifted from its view that a merger of the neighbouring colleges is the best solution for the students, employers and stakeholders across West and South Kent."

The college is now putting pressure on South Kent to agree the deal so it can go ahead before the election

can go ahead before the election.

Mr Fearon said: "It is now for the governors at South Kent College to agree the application for merger that goes to the Government, and we are very confident of approval because of the exceptionally strong support the proposal has from politicians, Kent County Council, local authorities, universities and a wide range of employers"

But South Kent College, which runs campuses in Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone and Maison Dieu Road in



HOPEFUL: Governors at South Kent College are waiting to examine the revised proposal

Dover, may be getting cold feet. It says it does not want to be rushed into any merger plans unless it can be sure it offers the best outcome for its students and protects it future.

Monica Box, principal of South Kent, said: "Governors of South Kent College are keen to support a merger proposal that really does promote the interests of South Kent learners.

"They expect to see the full proposal, including the revised financial aspects, within the next week or so.

"They are hopeful that they can support West Kent College's plan for the joined colleges following consideration of the detailed submission.

"No one wants to hold up a thoroughly good scheme, and once South Kent governors have had a chance to assure themselves that this is what is proposed, it would be full steam ahead for the plans."

If agreed, the merger would go ahead in August this year – three months later than had originally been planned.

yourshepway NEWS IN BRIEF

Fault at substation sparks power cut

PARTS of Sandgate and Folkestone were plunged into darkness for almost four hours at the weekend after a fault at a substation.

Energy company EDF said 176 customers in the St Paul's Way, Darnley Close and Enbrook Road areas had their supply interrupted at 5.30pm on Saturday.

Engineers worked throughout the evening to restore power by 9.15pm.

A spokesman said: "We appreciate how difficult it can be to lose power, especially in cold weather, and would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused by this incident."

Activity scheme has holiday mapped out

PLAY events are taking place for the half-term holiday next week, with those aged up to 18 invited to join in.

All the sessions of the Shepway Play Mobile Activity Programme are free and run from 11am-3pm. Parents and carers are welcome.

The scheme visits Harbour Community Centre in Harvey Street, Folkestone, on Monday 15, the Scout Hut in Foord Road on Tuesday 16 and St Peter's Church Hall in Baldwin Road, Greatstone, on Wednesday 17.

On Thursday 18 it is at the United Reformed Church Community Hall in Folkestone's Radnor Park and on Friday 19 in Postling Village Hall

Phone Tamasin Jarrett on 01303 853277 for more details.

Hall careers fair helps to make connections

THE second Folkestone Careers and Skills Fair held last week has been hailed a huge success.

This year's event at the Leas Cliff Hall was visited by more than 1,800 pupils from across Shepway. KOS Media was among those offering careers advice.

careers advice.

Organiser Els Howard said it was this kind of school-community partnership that helped young people make the connection between education and careers



Musicians get together for earthquake victims

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A CHARITY gig in aid of the people of Haiti after last month's devastating earthquake is being held at Folkestone's Quarterhouse.

Music from punk and indie to country blues will help raise money for the estimated two million left homeless by the disaster.

Among the line-up are the Archie Wah Wahs, a band described as playing catchy ska songs with lyrics about broken hearts and unhappy endings, combined with feelings of optimism.

Local grunge-folk artist Tess, one of the people behind the Zig Zag festival, will be previewing tracks from his forthcoming album Magpie, with his distinctive dynamic style, introspective lyrics and memorable guitar.

Pierre Vincent's band The Dealers will showcase their new line-up, which includes violinist Gemma and percussionist Malcolm, playing tracks from album Charcoal On Black Paper together with a back-catalogue of self-penned material and the odd well-chosen cover.

Chatham man Pete Molinari, who was discovered by Billy Childish, will be playing his country-blues style reminiscent of Dylan, Guthrie and other greats.

Janine Gray, who helped organise the gig with John Baker, said: "I have found everyone we approached to be incredibly generous with their time and to be a their time and money.

"Googies Art Cafe has raised £280 towards our fund already, and the Quarterhouse staff have been incredibly helpful – I know we are



BACKING CAUSE: Guitarist Pete Moliniari, discovered by Billy Childish, will be playing his own style of country blues

going to have a huge list of people to thank by the end of this project.

"I am really excited by the line-up so far – we have one or two more things in the pipeline to announce vet."

John Baker, who runs the County Hardware shop in Cheriton, said: "I really felt I wanted to do something that would be a great fund-raiser for the benefit of the earthquake victims.

"We hope to give the people of Folkestone a terrific night out at their new arts venue Quarterhouse at the same time."

There will also be a charity raffle or auction for prizes and other events.

Tickets for the event, at 7pm on Wednesday, February 17, go on sale at the box office in Tontine Street this week costing £8 each or £9

Justice scheme to be extended across county

AN INNOVATIVE approach to policing trialled in Shepway that brings victims and offenders together is about to be

rolled out across the county.
Restorative Justice lets both those who committed and who were victims of crime come together to decide on a response.

Those affected get the chance to tell offenders the real impact of their crimes, to get answers and receive an apology. It also gives offenders the chance to understand the impact of what they've done and to do something to repair the harm. The scheme was trialled in Cheriton,

Morehall, Hawkinge and Lydd throughout last year and has proved so successful that it is to be extended across Kent.

Evidence

In the long term it is hoped the scheme will reduce crime rates as evidence shows that offenders who have to face their victims are unlikely to reoffend.

In Dymchurch the police and the council were receiving complaints about youngsters causing a nuisance, with balls hitting cars and fences. There were also arguments involving residents and

Sgt Jim Watson set up a meeting with the youngsters, their parents and residents and once the children and teenagers were made aware of how their activities upset neighbours they agreed to play elsewhere, or to use a softer ball.

The police have not received any com-

plaints since the intervention.
Sgt Watson said: "Something that had been an issue and caused a lot of trouble was that simple to sort out.

"If the level of anger and upset had been left, this situation would have escalated and could have resulted in arrests."

Waste plant opposed by residents

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there is a guideline that such a plant should not be within 250 metres of a food-preparation area.

"I've seen some of these lorries that move waste with liquid dripping from the back. What happens if four or five lorries turn up and they're all queuing with waste running out of them?"

Ronald Lello, of the Sellindge and District Residents' Association, said: "The A20 is going to be a very heavily-used road. Housing in this area is going to increase – the amount of traffic using that road is going to be astonishing."

He referred to the recent explosion at a gas power station in Connecticut, which killed five:

"Plants go wrong, particularly plants with gas, and this plant will be producing gas."

Other concerns included lorries parking, potential flooding and the effects on important local businesses such as Port Lympne and Westenhanger Castle.

KCC planning chairman Richard King said all comments would be taken into account in a final report and a decision was expected in either April or May.

Debt-hit Invicta live to fight another day

FOLKESTONE Invicta have staved off bankruptcy fears after members backed a rescue plan to pay off their outstanding debts.

An overwhelming majority of the 60-plus supporters at a meeting in the club's Stripes bar on Friday voted in favour of a Company Voluntary Arrangement (CVA).

This will allow the football club,

which owes about £175,000 to HM Revenue & Customs and other creditors, to make the payments on fixed monthly instalments over five years.

A statement on the Invicta website said: "This will allow the club's direc-tors to plan and manage the club's financial affairs with confidence, and to re-establish focus on extending the club's community role and improving its facilities.

Mark Jenner, of the Folkestone Invicta Recovery Group, who has now joined the board as chief executive, said the agreement was the best possible outcome.

He said: "It has taken some great effort for us to achieve this.

"It removes all the uncertainty and gives us a bit of longevity, provided we keep making the payments we agreed. We will be looking into fundraising ideas in the meantime.

However, as a result of the club's financial predicament, the team will be docked 10 points, under current

Ryman League rules.

The deduction will see them fall

from top place to third.

Mr Jenner said: "We'd rather have the points docked now since we have strong reason to believe the rules will change next season, when automatic relegation will be the penalty."

Boardroom

He also said there had been meetings with Shepway council, which owns the lease on the club's Buzzlines Stadium in Cheriton Road, about extending its stay.

Another boardroom shift saw Lynn

Woods being made chairman. All other directors will remain in post.

A supporters' trust could take over the club's ownership, with details to be released before the end of the season. An extraordinary general meeting would be needed to approve any such changes.

Invicta continued a rich run of form with a 1-0 win at Walton Casuals on Saturday. They were due to play Godalming

Town last night (Tuesday). • See page 47 for match report





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Lifeboat crew cover 74 miles in challenge

A TOTAL of 142 miles on an exercise bike, rowing and running machines was the distance 'travelled' by the volunteer crew of the Dover lifeboat during their SOS Support Our Sports triathlon challenge.

Excellent support from the public saw collection buckets filled to the brim with

The crew's target was to travel the equivalent distance of Margate to Hastings, the eastern and westernmost members of the Confederation of Cinque Ports.

This had been calculated to be 68 miles, but the crew did so well that by lunchtime they had 'reached' Hastings.

Determined to carry on, the crew eventually finished having travelled another 74 miles - the equivalent of reaching

Shoreham-on-Sea in West Sussex.
BBC Radio Kent presenter John Warnett joined his BBC colleague and Dover lifeboat crew member Steve Ladner for the triathlon and ran several stints.

Lottery millions claimed

A GIANT Lottery jackpot of more than £3.7 million has finally been claimed by someone from the Dover district.

Last month, we reported that the owner of the winning ticket from the draw of Wednesday, December 2, had yet to claim their prize of £3,786,303.

All that was known was that the ticket which had the winning numbers 2, 19, 22, 25,34 and 47 – was bought in the Dover district, which as well as the town itself includes Deal, Sandwich and surrounding villages.

Now someone has come forward for the money and the claim is going through the process of validation.

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MP Howard forced to repay £7K expenses

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SHEPWAY MP Michael Howard has failed in his appeal against a demand to pay back more than £7,000 in Parliamentary expenses.

The long-awaited report by Sir Thomas Legg into the auditing of MPs' expenses was finally published last Thursday and it revealed that Mr Howard had exceeded the £1,000-a-year limit imposed retrospectively on claims for

cleaning and gardening.

The report stated the former Home Secretary and one-time Conservative party leader had since repaid the outstanding amount of £7,039 but had appealed to Sir Paul Kennedy about the

order, saying they were "illogical" and "unjust". His appeal was rejected. The report on Sir Thomas's investigation into the Additional Costs Allowances (ACA) covers the period from

April 2004 to March 2009. It says: "Mr Howard was paid a total of £18,058.45 over the five-year period for the costs of employing a gardening company.
"The company has stated that one-third of

the work related to maintenance of the house, resulting in a gardening cost of £12,039. That exceeds £1,000 a year by a total of £7,039."

Later in the 241-page report, Sir Paul's reply to Mr Howard states: "In your grounds of appeal to me you say that the figure of £1,000 per annum set by the review was retrospective and illogical, and as such it was unfair and unjust. You point out that the claims were properly made when no limit had been set, and of course I accept that.

"But I am sure that you would accept that anyone assessing such claims would in the end have to decide what it was reasonable for the

public to be asked to pay.
"The review has set the limit at £1,000 per annum. It is most unfortunate that it was not set before your claims were made." Sir Paul said that, had the limits been set in advance, he was sure Mr Howard would not have exceeded it. But he said his terms of reference did not allow him to interfere.

"I can only do so if satisfied that there are special reasons in your individual case showing that it would not be fair and equitable to require

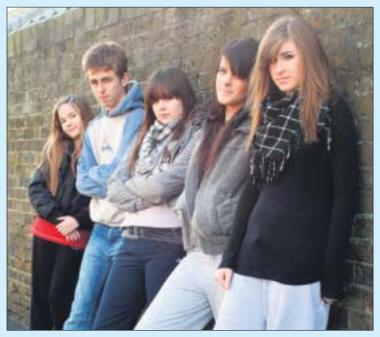
repayment. I find no such reasons," he wrote.

"The limitation applied to you has been applied to all Members who made gardening

Lynne Beaumont, the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidate for Shepway, has already pledged that she would not claim second home expenses if elected to office.

Instead she would commute by train and not

Aske up any other employment while an MP. Ms Beaumont said: "I want all other Parliamentary candidates to make the same promise. Without this, there will be suspicion that MPs are just in it for what they can get."



TOUGH CALL: The talented young cast of Playground are hoping for success at the Dover Film Festival

'Oscar' awaits festival winner

AN 'Oscar' is up for grabs for the winner of the 2010 Dover Film Festival's Best Short Film competition.

Entries in the Best Documentary Short Film and Best Fictional Short Film will be vying for a replica Academy Award.

One of the films in the fictional section is Playground, made by Canterbury Christ Church College student Tom Shepherd.

The film, shot in Faversham in February last year, caused a stir when the police were called after a concerned passer-by thought the scenes of a policeman being clubbed to death were real.

Uninvited, by Astor student Helen Vidler, tells the story of a young man struggling to come to terms with the death of his girlfriend and his mother's attempts to help him.

Other fictional shorts are Panic To A Ridiculous Death, by Rubin Stein, and A Quiet Night In, by Roger Barker.

The two entries in the documentary section are Blériot Celebration Flight, by Eric Montagu, and The Hollingsbee Collection, by Kathleen Hollingsbee.







A TALL ORDER: It's all smiles after Gurkha engineers complete the relocation of the replica medieval trebuchet

Castle catapult 'jigsaw' moved by the Gurkhas

GURKHA military engineers have dismantled and re-erected the huge catapult that used to stand beside Dover Castle's Great Tower and moved it to a new location near the outer walls of the fortress.

The task saw the soldiers get to grips with a replica of medieval military hardware and took two weeks to complete.

The Gurkhas, renowned for their bravery and strength, were invited to help move the catapult by Brigadier Iain James OBE, Deputy Constable of Dover Castle.

H Troop, 69 Gurkha Field Squadron, who are based in Maidstone but were quartered in Folkestone for the duration of the task, carried out the work and relocation as part of their training.

Steve Lang, head of visitor operations at the castle, said: "We were delighted the Gurkhas agreed to help us with this unique task.

"The catapult is nine metres tall from the

BY NICK AMES

top of its arm and was dismantled screw by screw, with the pieces carried by hand to the new location.

"It was a huge job – similar to taking a giant jigsaw puzzle apart and putting it back together again."

Gurkha Staff Sergeant Man Ale said: "It was a bit of a strange task but all part of military engineering. These are the skills we have and we like to take on new tasks."

During the siege of 1216, giant stonethrowing engines (or trebuchets) were used by medieval soldiers to bombard the castle walls with missiles.

After the recent transformation of the Great Tower into a replica of the lavish court of Henry II, the catapult is now on a site closer to where the originals were used.

Mr Lang said: "We received quotes from civilian companies about this work.

"All agreed they could take the thing apart, but the Gurkhas were the only ones who were confident they could put it all back together again."

Crushing blow against old bangers

FORTY abandoned and untaxed vehicles were removed from the streets of Dover and the district at the end of last month.

Operation Cubit was carried out by the police in conjunction with the local authority and the DLVA.

The operation has contributed to a big fall in the number of abandoned and untaxed vehicles across the county.

Once removed from the streets, abandoned and untaxed vehicles are taken to a compound.

Vehicles not reclaimed can be destroyed. Owners have to pay a minimum of £100 fine, plus a £160 refundable surety fee to reclaim their vehicle, plus a storage fee of £21 per day.

Nadeem Aziz, chairman of the Dover Community Safety Partnership, said: "We continue to work closely with all our partners to make sure the district remains a safe place to live, work and visit. "Operation Cubit continues to be a great

"Operation Cubit continues to be a great success, removing untaxed and abandoned vehicles from our streets as quickly as possible."

To report an abandoned vehicle in the Dover district, phone 01304 872428.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MP has high laptop hopes

HUNDREDS of families with school-age children in east and south Kent could benefit from a new scheme offering a free laptop and broadband access, according to a Kent Labour MP.

The scheme, launched by prime minister Gordon Brown and schools secretary Ed Balls, will mean thousands of children and their parents will be able to get internet access at home to boost their school work.

Thanet South MP Dr Steve Ladyman is urging parents to check whether they qualify under the Home Access programme.

Families with children in years three to nine at school and eligible for free school meals can apply by phoning 0333 200 1004 or visiting www.homeaccess.org.uk.

Dr Ladyman said: "Computers are now as essential a part of education as books, pens and paper. That's why I welcome this new scheme."

Guaranteeing a fair Deal

DEAL'S recognition as a Fairtrade town by the national foundation followed a lengthy campaign by enthusiastic local volunteers backed by Deal Town Council.

Many shoppers are already familiar with the growing range of Fairtrade products, aimed at guaranteeing a fairer deal for producers, many based in the developing world.

Supporters are now looking forward to Fairtrade Fortnight (February 22-March 7), with events being planned to further raise awareness.

This and other initiatives will be taken into account when Deal's Fairtrade status is reviewed in a year's time.

Bin those butts and gum

CIGARETTE-end and chewing-gum bins have been placed in Market Square, Dover.

The district council has installed the three double-sided bins to discourage littering and improve the environment.

Nigel Collor, cabinet member for access and property management, said: "Following requests, we are pleased to trial these dedicated cigarette-butt and chewing-gum bins in Dover town centre.

"We will continue to work to improve our district's streets."



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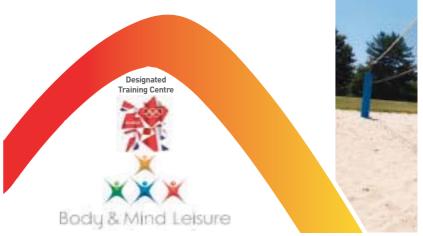
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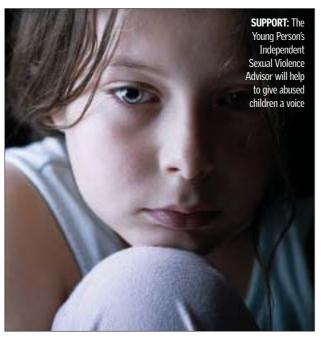
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Specialist advisor to help sexually-abused children



Grant will provide dedicated support for young rape victims

A CHARITY supporting Kent's victims of rape and sexual violence has secured funding for Britain's firstever children's independent

The new position means young people who have suffered abuse at the hands of rapists and paedophiles can access specialist, confidential support solely for youngsters.

Gravesend-based Family Matters was able to make the provision thanks to a grant of £64,000 from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Malcolm Gilbert, operations director at the charity, said the new Young Person's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (YP-ISVA) was vital.

He said. "Of the 200 rape victims we see, a quarter are aged 12 to 16.

"By offering this help we are filling a gap which has never been done before for children.

Mr Gilbert added that as well as

BY MARIJKE COX

being awarded the grant, the partnership between Family Matters, the Crown Prosecution Service and Kent Police through the Kent Criminal Justice Board had made real changes to victim support.

The organisations are also working with the UK Border Agency to help deal with young girls who have been trafficked for the sex trade.

Rebecca Masey, who has taken on the YP-ISVA position, will offer tailored support to children and young people who have suffered rape or sexual abuse and act as a gateway to the charity's therapy service.

Risk assessments will take place to ensure further victimisation is stopped. The focus will be on hard-toreach groups and youngsters less likely to come forward for help. Close family members of victims will also receive

support.
Deputy Chief Constable Adrian

Criminal Justice Board, said he was sure that the specialist service would also help secure convictions.

"Through this role, vulnerable and emotionally-scarred children will get more of the help and support they need and deserve," he said.

One person who knows only too well the need for services like Family Matters is 24-year-old Sarah (not her real name).

Last August she was raped by two men after her drink was spiked. Speaking about her ordeal to KOS Media, she said she would not have been able to cope had it not been for the Adults' Independent Sexual Violence Advisor.

"It's important children are helped too," she said. "I wouldn't have been able to get through this without the

counselling.
"I would just say to anybody, don't hide it. Come forward and get help."

For more information, go to www.familymattersuk.org.

Artefacts saved as fire museum made homeless

THE Kent fire service museum urgently needs a new home.

Fire chiefs have reluctantly been forced to move it from their Maidstone headquarters and are now hunting for a new location to house the collection.

Fire service historian Roger Mardon. from Canterbury, said he was sad about the closure but delighted his campaign to keep the collection together had been

He said: "In my view, the museum should preferably be maintained at service headquarters, but if that were not to be it is important to preserve the collection intact.

"There was unanimous support [at the Kent Fire and Rescue Authority's planning and performance committee] for the principle of keeping the collection together.

"A project team, including representatives of the interested parties, is to be established to develop plans for a virtual [online] museum and for rehousing

"Committee chairman Keith Ferrin made it clear it was not the intention to close the existing museum straight away and he undertook that everything possible would be done to rehouse the collection in one place.

"While it is disappointing the museum will have to move, I am encouraged by the support for keeping the collection together. Every effort must be made to find somewhere this can be done."

The museum opens one day a week and includes artefacts including videos of fire, photographs and a hollowed-out tree trunk used as a water main. A fire service spokesman said: "We

have teams of staff who need to be located at our HQ to run the service and we do not have room to house them.

"This means we have to look at all options and freeing up space taken up by the museum has to be considered.'



HISTORY: This Bromley steamer is one of many fascinating

artefacts to

be seen at

the museum

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SIMON CHAMBERS



Tell us something about yourself.

I spent almost all of my working life with the BBC. So I am never happier than when I have a camera in my hand. I find people fascinating – everyone has different interests and a story to tell.

How did you first hear about Walter Tull?

Walter Tull's name was one of some 800 on Dover Town War Memorial. I wanted to solve the mystery of why someone who had been born and lived in Folkestone is commemorated on our memorial in Dover and also on the parish memorial at River. My colleague Maggie discovered the many connections Walter has with Dover. Among them are that his sisters and step-parents lived at River and that his mother's family have been recorded at Hougham since the 1600s. Members of Walter's family still live in Dover. Walter's ancestry is published on Dover's Virtual Memorial at www.doverwarmemorialproject. org.uk, so anyone who thinks they may be connected can check there. Do let us know if you are.

What first made you get involved in the Dover War Memorial Project?

Maggie and I were attending the Service of Remembrance in November 2005 at the Dover War Memorial. Maggie is a Dovorian and has relatives on the memorial. We realised that as years passed we might no longer know who all the people commemorated were. We determined to find out and record as much as possible. Sadly there are many more Dovorian casualties than are remembered on the memorial or in the Second World War Book of Remembrance.

What are the aims of the Dover War Memorial Project?

To remember with honour and respect all those Dovorians who died in both world wars of the 20th century and their families. To ensure that future generations remember the sacrifices and bravery of their forebears. To inform and to bring people together; we love hearing from you. We visit relatives of casualties, hold public events and answer a variety of queries.

How important a role model do you believe Walter Tull is to Folkestone and Dover?

Walter Tull was brought up with strong faith and family values – he overcame many adversities to attain success in two team-working careers. He portrays hope and inspires us by his self-sacrifice, dignity and integrity of character.

What do you think the younger generation can learn from this history?

A It's essential our younger people should understand the meaning of and respect for Remembrance. A good way of introducing such concepts is by learning about people who lived during these times.

Are there are other historical figures or events connected with the area you are hoping to explore?

There is so much to discover – unknown stories, like Edith Johncock's, a nurse in the Great War who became a POW in Palestine, or the unrecognised Great War civilian casualties. This is especially pertinent in Dover, where the first bomb fell on English soil on Christmas Eve 1914, and in Folkestone, where 60 people were killed in Tontine Street alone at Whitsun 1917. This year we hope to create further educational material about a local casualty as unique as Walter Tull, but that depends on getting the funding.

How can people find out more about the project and get involved?

I urge anyone with information about a Dover casualty to contact the project. People can join the Friends Of The Dover War Memorial Project, or sign up for their quarterly e-newsletter. Everyone who works on the project is a volunteer; across the world they do a variety of tasks, such as transcribing or visiting and photographing graves (maybe something that could be fitted into that next holiday abroad?). Or please help by sending a donation. There is more information on www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk.

The co-founder of the Dover War Memorial Project speaks to **James Alexandre** about the life of Walter Tull, rediscovering the area's historic connections and what the younger generation can learn from the past

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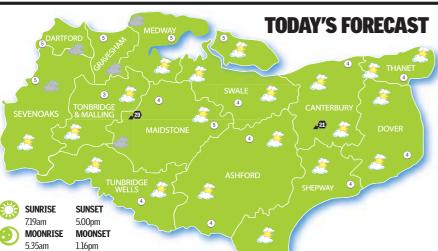
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yourshepway **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Migrants on course for UK in clash with French police

FRENCH riot police have been involved in a stand-off with a group of migrants trying to get from Calais to the UK.

About 90 migrants spent the night at a hangar after the No Border group sent word it was offering shelter in the town, which is mostly used by migrants trying to get into Britain via Dover or the Channel Tunnel.

"The police are allowing the migrants to leave but not enter," said Rodolphe Nettier, a

member of a separate group called SOS. About 75 anti-riot police and other reinforcements were deployed to help officers blocking the entrance to the shed. Police set up a security cordon around the building.

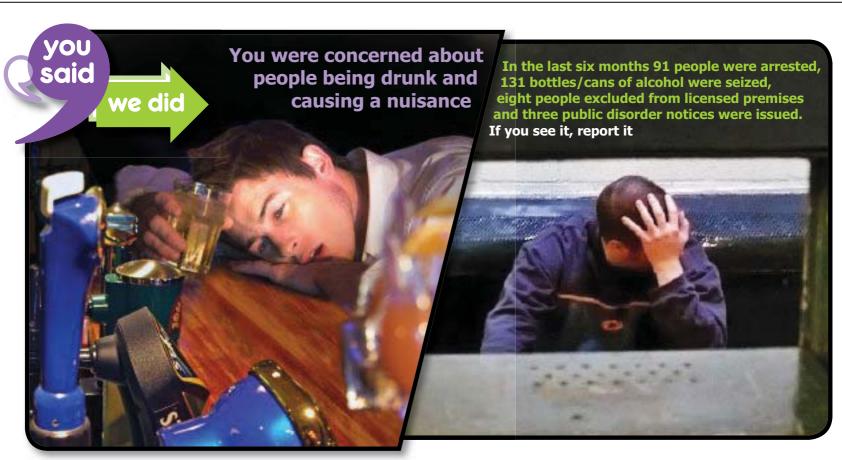
Crime targeted by placing of CCTV camera by tower

A NEW CCTV camera is being fitted on a busy pedestrian route to Folkestone town centre to help prevent crime and antisocial behaviour.

It will be placed next to Christchurch Tower in Sandgate Road to give added coverage to parts of Sandgate Road and surrounding areas and be linked to the existing town-centre CCTV system.

Hugh Barker, of Shepway council, said the camera had been commissioned after a request from Kent Police.

It has been paid for by the Shepway Community Safety Partnership, which brings together the council, police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service and other agencies.



Shepway District Council and Kent Police are working together

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TWO Folkestone schools have announced plans to link up to improve the quality of education and support to their students.

Pent Valley Technology College in Surrenden Road and St Mary's Church of England Primary in Warren Road have begun consulting with parents about the tieup, which would take effect from September 1, 2010.

Head-teachers Mario Citro, of Pent Valley, and John Bird, of St Mary's, believe the public debate may raise wider issues about the best way to provide the highest standards of education and care for students.

Flexible

A statement issued on behalf of both the schools' governing bodies said: "In many respects, we regard our proposals as very modest, but they are underpinned by a radical and exciting concept, which can be developed by all organisations concerned for children, from birth to adulthood.

"Schools as organisations within the British state system began in the 19th centu-

■ BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

ry. Now in the 21st century, we require a more flexible system designed to meet the needs of children growing up in the modern world.

"Both St Mary's and Pent Valley share the view that schools must adapt to meet the needs of today's children and not look backward to a so-called golden age of schooling by trying to revamp systems of the past."

The governors said the schools had shared values based on "faith, community, responsibility and identity" that complement today's modern technology.

They said: "In this bold but essential venture, we aim to try to create a joined-up local system of education and support for the young people of Shepway."

St Mary's is being transformed thanks to a £2 million scheme that started in October to provide better classrooms

A new building will be put up between the existing infant and junior classes, effectively creating one school building.

This will create two full-sized classrooms, a library and a reception area.



PROPOSALS: Staff and pupils of the two schools would join together to create a 'joined-up system of education'

BREAK TIME

Parents go online to apply for places

MORE than 13,000 families applied for their child's primary school place online.

Kept County Council received 11,737

Kent County Council received 11,737 online applications for reception year, almost 80 per cent of all expected applicants, and 1,829 online applications for year 3, equal to 73 per cent.

This is a big increase on last year, when 5,966 or 40 per cent of online applications were received for reception year.

Sarah Hohler, the county council's cabinet member for children, families and education, said: "KCC has tried to make sure that this facility is available to all parents."

Kent's school admissions website is www.kent.gov.uk/ola.

Non-uniform day to feed Haiti children

DOVER College pupils organised a nonuniform day last month to raise money for a charity that feeds children left homeless by the Haiti earthquake.

A total of £1,380 was raised on Wednesday, January 20, towards the work of Mary's Meals. The international movement sets up school feeding projects to prevent poverty and hunger.

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At the time of the earthquake the charity was feeding 12,000 children, more than 6,000 of them in the Cite Soleil slum. The seven schools in Cite Soleil have been damaged but not destroyed.

Mary's Meals will help repair these schools, support their pupils and assist with the wider recovery.

Partnership looks ahead in 'bold but essential venture'



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IT'S the 21st century, but the gods of Mount Olympus and assorted monsters have walked out of the pages of high school student Percy Jackson's Greek mythology texts and into his life.

And they're not happy: Zeus' lightning bolt has been stolen and Percy is the prime suspect. Even more troubling is the sudden disappearance of Percy's mother. As Percy adapts to his newly discovered status as a demi-god (his father is Poseidon), he finds himself caught between the battling titans of Mt Olympus. He and his friends embark on a cross-country adventure to catch the true lightning thief, save Percy's mom and unravel a mystery more powerful than the gods themselves.

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One MP is using the iPhone to stay in touch with his voters, but it won't catch on, says Gary Wright



Why most MPs aren't really ready for the superhighway

FANTASTIC story this week about MP Derek Wyatt, who has launched the iPhone* app to let his constituents stay in touch with him.

For those of you unfamiliar with the technological wizardry, it means simply that using your iPhone* (you all have one, don't you?) you can contact Sittingbourne's Mr Wyatt and interact any time.

I admire Mr Wyatt (or 'two pork pies and a Scotch egg' as he's affectionately known after the expenses debacle) for taking up the challenge of bringing new tech to the masses and I honestly wish him well in his quest to engage even more closely with his constituents.

Unfortunately, I forecast a rush to the Apple Store by the ten-or-so constituency nutters that plague every MP - so they can back up their weekly letters to Mr Wyatt.

Even the biggest Luddite must have heard of the Apple app? If you believe the ads on telly the iPhone* can be made to do anything and,

while it might not make the tea, there is probably an app that tells you how to make the perfect cuppa (and probably some information about blending).

But times really are a changin' and our MPs will do anything to get down with the kids and interact - whether they are Twittering (another social network craze for those too lazy to write more than 20 words at a time) or guesting on any TV show that claims viewers under 25.

There is a part of me, a very small part, that believes MPs really do wish to make the world a better place and to give a voice to their constituents no matter how marginalised.

Mr Wyatt (who already runs a good website) said: "I certainly hope that now people know it can be done, and that citizens want to engage in this way, my colleagues at home and abroad take this idea and make it even better for their constituents."

The app was written by public-sector digital agency Public Zone and is available free of charge from the Apple iTunes store.

Public Zone intends to roll out the MyMP

app, which also integrates with Google Maps, to other MPs this month.

I wish Mr Wyatt well, but I foresee a slight problem with his fellow MPs.

Modern technology is pretty damn clever. The iPhone* is a very smart piece of kit. But because of their GPS abilities and the marvel of Google Maps (from satellite pictures right down to a picture of your front garden just from a postcode), the iPhone* can tell you exactly where you are. Oh yes, and it can tell everyone else exactly where you are.

Brilliant for parents who want to watch their kids (but who'd trust them with a 500-quid phone?), but not perhaps for your average MP.

Do they really want people to know exactly where they are every minute of the day?

I suspect not... far too risky, though I guess they could always leave their iPhone* in the House of Commons on answerphone while they slipped off to do other things.

* Other smartphones are cheaper: Google Nexus, Nokia N900, HTC Hero, but they haven't the hype (or such a successful App Store).

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Homes should cash in by generating their own electricity

DEMAND for solar panels is set to soar after the Government announced a support scheme allowing householders to make an income from generating their own power, a renewable-energy researcher has predicted, *writes Jenna Pudelek*.

Kent Green Party member Steve Plater said he was planning to install a photovoltaic (PV) system on the roof of his Sevenoaks home that will convert solar radiation into enough electricity to meet three-quarters of his needs and save about £500 a year in energy bills.

Energy and climate change secretary Ed Miliband unveiled the new scheme this week; it will see 'feed-in tariffs' (FITs) paid to people, com-

munities and businesses who generate electricity from solar panels, wind turbines or other renewable sources

sources.
PV panels on household roofs will get a higher feed-in tariff and all will be up-rated with inflation each year.

Mr Plater said that after his system was installed he would make about £1,000 a year in payments as a result.

"Anyone who has got money sitting in a building society account would get a much better return by investing it in solar electricity," he said.

The Government said the sector would supply two per cent of the UK's electricity by 2020.

However, the Conservative Party and environmental campaigners have said the announcement lacks ambition.

Shadow energy and climate change secretary Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells, said: "FITs are essential to allow decentralised energy to play a major role in our energy mix, but Labour's proposals lack ambition.

"Ministers should have been bolder with this scheme so more jobs could have been created and greater emissions reductions achieved."

Mr Plater, who gives talks about microgeneration of renewable energy across Kent, said: "It is really not ambitious enough — Germany already generates two per cent of its electricity from solar.

"The key point about renewable energy and energy efficiency is they go together and you can deploy them in hundreds of thousands of places very quickly.

"It is much quicker than building huge power stations – nuclear or coal takes years and years and they are not going to help us achieve climate-change targets by 2020.

"And we are the last major country in Europe to bring FITs in. Germany has had one since 2000." However, Mr Plater thought that

However, Mr Plater thought that FITs would make renewable energy systems such as PV panels more attractive to householders.

"There are other reasons people want it, but clearly money is an important driver – being able to finance it matters and also feeling

independent from energy companies.
"If you can generate three-quarters of electricity from your own roof you largely escape future price rises."

Initial installation costs were high, with panels costing £5,000 per kilowatt of capacity, he said.

People can receive grants from the Energy Saving Trust's low-carbon building scheme, but only until March this year. However, with the feed-in tariff income, and saving on electricity bills, it makes an attractive tax-free return on investment of eight to 10 per cent, which is better than most forms of savings account, the Kent Green Party said.



HEROES: The SSFA is celebrating its 125th anniversary and wants your help to raise funds for ex-service personnel

125th birthday appeal to help Armed Forces

AN ORGANISATION that helps Armed Forces personnel is 125 years old this year.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) helps those currently in the military and servicemen who have left and are in need.

and are in need.

The Kent branch has unveiled a special campaign — SSAFA 125 — which is being launched with a service of celebration at Westminster Abbey on Thursday, February 18.

Suresh Khanna, the county's director of public affairs for the group, said: "To mark our 125th anniversary we are launching Target 125 and asking everyone to 'Be a Hero' and raise £125 for SSAFA Forces Help in 2010.

Adapted

"Every contribution will help us to meet our pledge to support our troops and their families, now and for the rest of their lives.

"As the number of fatalities and serious injuries sustained in Afghanistan continues to rise, SSAFA's family-support groups are playing a vital role in helping relatives come to terms with loss and life-changing injuries.

"To date, 254 British servicemen and women have lost their lives in Afghanistan and this number increases by the day."

He said almost every parish in Kent had a connection with the Armed Forces so it was important to raise as much money as possible to provide service personnel with assistance. He said: "Working in extremely dangerous

and challenging circumstances, SSAFA Forces Help continues to provide our servicemen and women and their families with the practical support they need.

"Over the course of more than a century SSAFA has adapted and evolved to meet the changing needs of our Armed Forces."

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The organisation was founded in 1885 to support troops and families of the second

BY STEVE KNIGHT

expeditionary force to Egypt. One of its current patrons is Prince Michael of Kent.

As well as fatalities, many servicemen and women return home from war zones seriously wounded.

SSAFA's two recently-opened Norton Homes, in Birmingham and Ashstead, Surrey, allow injured troops to spend time with their loved ones away from the hospital environment where they are being treated, giving them the opportunity to do normal family things such as eat a meal together or simply watch a film.

David Culmer, chairman of the south-east London branch, said: "In Bromley and Bexley we are running events throughout the year – look out for our flag day on February 13 in supermarkets, our quiz night for Heroes on May 14, and our band concert in October."

To help, go to www.ssafa125.org.uk or phone the Kent county secretary on 01580 891507.

• A castle ball is being held at Lympne Castle on Saturday, February 27, to raise money for the Help For Heroes charity.

Party-goers can explore the entire castle and tuck into a curry feast and crêperie. There will also be a live jazz band followed by a disco in the castle's grand ballroom.

Being raffled and auctioned on the night will be a pair of Andy Murray-signed shorts, artwork signed by the Kaiser Chefs and signed CDs from Tom Jones, Sting and The Stereophonics, plus other celebrity items.

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TALK TIME

ANDY SCOTT-CLARK

The deputy director of public health talks about his job and how health chiefs decide on what to spend their £1.2 billion budget



Tell us a little bit about yourself

I have worked in public health since 1996. I was appointed director of public health for Swale Primary Care Trust in 2002 and took over the role of deputy director of public health for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent on its inception on October 1, 2006.

I have a masters degree in public health and am listed on the UK public health register. I was born in New Zealand and I trained as a pharmacist in Wellington. I came to England in 1986 and, like many Kiwis, never made it back.

What's the population, geographical area and budget of NHS Eastern and Coastal?

The population of NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is some 710,000, covering the districts of Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway, Swale and Thanet. We have a budget of more than £1.2 billion and it's our job to work closely with the public and patients to identify their health needs.

How do you prioritise what's important for each area?

Our key priorities for the next five years include breaking the cycle of inequalities, revolutionising services for older people, tackling the key killers of vascular disease, cancer and respiratory disease, promoting well-being and good mental health and transforming the life chances of disadvantaged people

What's the top priority at the moment?

Our top priority is currently the management of what could be a long and difficult winter.

YOUR LETTERS

Shepway is right to be wary of sharing

WITH reference to the story headlined 'Council wary over shared service plan (Yourshepway, January 20):

Three cheers for Shepway council and common sense. This far-reaching reorganisation of local government, which started in April 2009, is part of regionalisation and subregionalisation so favoured by John Prescott and encouraged by

UKIP has fought long and hard against this; one size, shape or colour does not fit all. Without doubt the sharing of services can effect major improvements, if carefully and pragmatically approached, while retaining local and democratic control.

We know that local and national government will be strapped for cash for years to come, putting greater stress on services.

This is the time to look carefully before making complex and far-reaching changes, many of which could be difficult and expensive to correct.

UKIP supports sensible and considered measures to sustain our community in these times.

Nick Jack (chairman) Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh UKIP

The sad decline of boarded-up town

I WENT shopping in Dover, but how drab and terrible it looks



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with all the closed shops. Now the public toilets are being closed because of cost.

Where do the authorities expect older people or those with small children to go?

Surely there should be more toilets, not fewer. I used to love the town but will not shop there

Mrs D Sutton

Everything must go

THE most important port of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II the busiest passenger port in the world – could be sold off to foreigners. Yet Parliament can give huge amounts of taxpayers' money to 'save' the banks, give to worldwide calamities and fund wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

And to develop the future

wealth of the Queen – nothing.
That is before the contemptible scandal of MPs' and Lords' expenses. Think of the millions taken by bankers in bonuses from customers' and taxpayers' pockets – yet none for the Port of Dover.

That is the legacy you are leaving children, grandchildren and future generations.

The Thatcher government sold off public utilities in the name of competition and efficiency.

London's water is so lucrative the Germans would not sell it on to the Australians.

Foreign-owned UK electricity prices are so high that by switching from UK to French electricity the Channel Tunnel paid for that change of engineering in one year. That is before you get to gas and railways.

Yet, unlike in France, very few people are aware of the sale. Just think: French ships use Dover, P&O ships have been sold to the Arabs, and one day the port could be sold to foreigners.

Dover would no longer British.

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Inconvenient truth

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toilets without warning or consultation was no surprise.

For more than 25 years I have dealt with councils all over Kent. In the early days there was a strong sense of public service, but this is now history and local government is a shadow of its former self. It exists largely to serve itself with insular, self-righteous officers who are often ignorant of what goes on outside their offices.

Incompetence is experienced daily. Councillors talk of regeneration but practise only degeneration.

If a council cannot run public toilets, what chance is there of any improvement in anything else?

Councillors are not standing up for the public interest. They are too often more concerned with climbing the greasy pole, so public service is very secondary. Party politics is so destructive. The figure for running Dover's toilets at almost £80,000 a year demonstrates gross waste and incompetence in itself.

The toilets could be run for a third of that if cleaners were employed direct. Why line the pockets of contractors if it can be done cheaper?

Dover Town Council should have acted in the public interest – instead it prefers to talk. Dover needs action, not just talk and excuses.

If I were mayor I would have offered immediately to keep the two

toilets for the disabled going as a priority. They only need a daily check to ensure they are safe, clean and with toilet paper. Town council staff could see to the disabled toilet in view of their own office.

Dover Town Council has a large income and needs to do more than arrange social events to justify its existence.

Here is an opportunity to do something of real assistance for Dover, but I am pessimistic as the town and district councils are as bad as each other.

Dover needs leadership, with people of vision and common sense, but I see no sign of it as officers and elected representatives see the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Dover has become lawless and neglected. It needs a dose of old-fashioned public service above self-interest and party politics, but I don't think we have people with such qualities to lead us and the decline will continue.

Graham Wanstall Dovorian

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THE cash Calais is using to upgrade facilities for the Olympics ('Cheeky Calais keen to cash in', last week's Yourdover) is not from local money but from the £700 million-plus

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The K6 at the Eastern Docks is of particular concern as thousands of people see its sad, neglected state as they enter Britain. Dover District Council refuses to apply pressure to BT. Sadly, the council does not value its heritage.

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It is the start of an exciting day in Toy Town because there is a special event lined up for the residents. Noddy and Tessie Bear are planning a sing-along, dance-along party.

The only people who are not welcome are the two naughty goblins, Sly and Gobbo, who cannot be trusted to behave well and not try to spoil everyone's enjoyment.

Armed with the Sound Sucker, another bizarre machine from Goblin Gizmos, the naughty pair set out to ruin the party. But their wicked plans could yet be thwarted by Noddy, who is determined to keep an eye on the goblins and make sure the day is not spoiled.

All the popular residents of Toy Town appear in the 90-minute show, including Mr Plod, Whiz the Robot, Bumpy Dog and Noddy's best friend,

Big Ears. Together they invite all the children to take part in a fun-filled adventure that provides a great introduction to live theatre.

Noddy made his first appearance in 1949 and became an icon of children's literature, providing the perfect way for youngsters to discover Blyton's writing. During the 20-year period between his creation and Blyton's death, 154 books featuring Noddy were produced and there was a wealth of Noddy merchandise for fans to buy, from Noddy toothbrushes and soap to nightdresses and bed-

side lights.

The Noddy Live show can be seen at the Central Theatre, Chatham, on Sunday, February 21; the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on Monday, April 12, and the Woodville Halls, Gravesend on Thursday, June 3.



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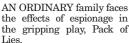
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PACK OF LIES

Wednesday, February 17 Tower Theatre, Folkestone



Following the success of this year's pantomime, FHODS presents Hugh Whitemore's compelling story that explores how everyday people cope when their lives are turned upside

First seen in the BBC's Play of the Month series, the story was called Act of Betrayal and was more of a documentary drama. But the author decided to create a longer version that continues to grip audiences, more than 25 years after it was first staged.

When an ordinary family discover that their best friends have been spying for the Russians, they are forced to live with the knowledge



while investigations take place and to deal with the

fact that they are equally guilty of an act of betrayal. The play was first per-formed by FHODS more

than 20 years ago, but remains as dramatic and relevant today as it was in the

Tickets are £9/£8 from the box office on 01303 223925.

PANeK

Sunday, February 14 Quarterhouse, Folkestone

A LIVELY mixture of discussion and performance is on offer at a Skill Share event

Performing Arts Network Kent, or PANeK, presents an event for performers who use or would like to use dance in their work, along with individuals or groups who like to see the creative process in action.

Three Kent-based practitioners demonstrate their art and talk about their choices in this session on the theme of movement and dance. Kristin Fredricksson of Beady Eye created the show Everything Must Go with her 78-year-old father and discusses the merits of 'hanging around with the material'.

Using three excerpts from their show, Our Euphoria, SeedSew explore euphoric states of being and intersperse the performances with

The third act is SichtLautTrio - composed of dancer Geraldo Si, musician David Leahy and his double bass - who give totally improvised performances.

The event starts at 2pm and tickets cost £5. Book on 01303 858500 or go online at www.quarterhouse.co.uk.



EDEN NIGHTS DANCING

Sunday, March 7 Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

THE magic and grace of dance comes to Shepway in spectacular style

Eden Nights Dancing and Events promises a night of sizzling performances by champion dancers and world-class rising stars, presented by international dance host Paul Eden. There will also be an unmissable finale from Strictly Come Dancing favourites, Vincent and Flavia.

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SWINGING modern jazz is on offer at The Grand in Folkestone on Thursday. The Roger Lewin Quartet give their first gig of the year in Keppels Music Room at 8.30pm. The Medway-based group features Lewin on keyboard, Phill Brown on saxes, Steve King on bass and John Willis on drums and vocals.

Admission costs £5. For more information call 01303 277175.

Three top comics on the bill at comedy club

GIVE the gift of laughter this Valentines

weekend with a trip to Quarterhouse.

On Saturday a trio of top comics —
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Two for price of one as Cera tackles double role

BY KATE WHITING

YOUTH In Revolt stars one of Hollywood's up-and-coming stars in Michael Cera, who's made his name through a string of geeky roles in Juno, Superbad and last year's Nick And Norah's Infinite Playlist.

At 21, Cera is no newcomer to the big screen – he's been acting since he was nine – but it was his role as High School student father Paulie Bleeker in Juno that made critics take notice. He was even nominated last year for the Bafta Orange Rising Star Award.

In Youth In Revolt, he plays strait-laced teen Nick Twisp, who has a taste for the finer things in life like Sinatra and Fellini.

On a family holiday, he falls for free-spirited Sheeni who eggs him on to create a rebellious French alter ego: Francois. Sporting a moustache and smoking, Francois takes Nick in an outrageous new direction, as he tries to win Sheeni's love.

Canadian Cera had long been a fan of author C.D. Payne, who wrote the book Youth In Revolt: The Journals Of Nick Twisp, on which the film is based, and was signed up to the project before Juno and Superbad even hit our screens.

"The book is really funny. It's got a really unique voice and it's gigantic, it takes months to read if you're a slow reader. I was around the age of Nick when I read it and I completely related to it," says Cera, with a half-smile.

"I related to the agony of not knowing what's going on and being obsessed with a girl and not having any control, which Payne wrote really perfectly."



ALTER EGO: Michael Cera as French Francois

When Nick meets Sheeni, he's feeling completely disillusioned about his mundane existence. Cera explains: "Nick doesn't have a great home life. His parents are divorced, his mother has an idiot boyfriend and his life is stagnant. He meets this girl who blows his mind and he feels he has to hang on to her."

Cera reportedly split from his actress girlfriend Charlyne Yi last summer after they co-

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starred in indie project Paper Heart. He says he can relate to the 'torment' Nick suffers through his love for the mysterious Sheeni.

"You never know what she feels about you or what she's really thinking. She's such a puzzle. That's really what I loved about the character. She's so well-depicted in the book."

Despite having to play two very different characters in the same film, Cera insists he didn't find this difficult. In fact, he loved the opportunity to play a naughty version of Nick.

"It was just a lot of fun to play. I wouldn't say it was hard, except for the technical tricks of it. I can't think of any challenges, except for trying to figure out how to play Francois initially, and what the voice was going to be like."



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IDEAS for a spring makeover can be found at County Square Shopping Centre in Ashford this weekend.

On Saturday there will be four funky shows taking place on the catwalk in the main mall, outside Costa Coffee, in which the latest looks for women, men and children will be displayed.

The shows start at 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. For more information visit www.countysquareshopping-

What a sparkling treat for that romantic day

ANYONE who has left buying their Valentine gift until the last minute could find help at Magnolia Jewellery in Tunbridge Wells.

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The shop at Whitstable Harbour Village will reopen on Saturday, March 20.

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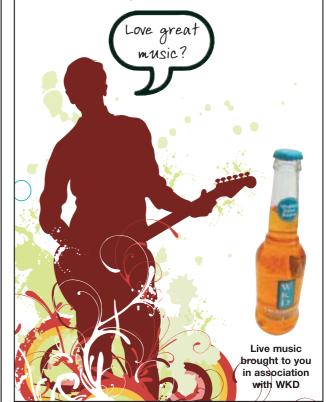
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Hip-hop title up for grabs, and ShyChlo is in running



BY SIMON ROBINSON

WHEN grime star Lady Sovereign entered the Big Brother house last month she left her 'queen of UK hip-hop' title and arguably her credibility at the door.

Pretenders to the throne are now intent on climbing the charts and claiming her crown.

One such would-be queen is Canterbury MC/writer/producer ShyChlo.
The 22-year-old has drawn the interest of a number of industry movers and shakers since bursting on to the live scene in 2008 and looks certain to draw more attention with the release of her debut single Mental Confusion later this year.

ShyChlo said her success was down to her lyrics, which go beyond the tired hip-hop subjects of guns and violence.

"I just write and say what I feel, going beyond the glitz and glamour of the stereotypical 'rags to riches' hip-hop, and focusing on issues like the struggles and peer pressures of today's youth – politics, religion and personal insecurities.'

ShyChlo is something of a genre merger, drawing influences from UK hip-hop, rock, punk and funk.

It's this fusion that saw new independent record label Flickfinger Records sign up the

Co-founder Kieron Corcoron said: "ShyChlo has a very clever mix of UK hip-hop, rock and other musical styles.

"Her sound isn't affected by the US hip-hop scene and so it's unique.



LINE-UP: MC Devlin (above) and rapper XO Man (right) will be supporting ShyChlo (left) at the Hazlitt Theatre this weekend



"She's got a lot of great feedback through the Myspace page and the fanbase is growing real-

ShyChlo will perform at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, on Friday, backed by her four-piece

Support on the night comes from Hugo Urban Rules-winning rapper XO Man and Dagenham-born grime MC Devlin. For more information you can visit

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BY TOM BETTS



COMING OF AGE

BBC Three, 10.30pm, Tuesday

IF ever there was a TV show from which not to take a comedic lead, then it's the never-not-appalling mess that is Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps.

Despite being one of the least funny sit-coms ever made it has now run for eight series, proving that someone

out there must be watching it.

I didn't think it was possible for a show to be less funny or more moronic until I saw Coming Of Age, the latest BBC Three laugh-free zone, which is undeniably influenced by its bigger brother.

Here we meet our main characters three lads and two girls who attend

the local sixth-form college.

They dress like they've been sponsored by Topshop and talk as if they have been locked in a room listening to Fearne Cotton since the day they were born.

They think of little else but who's going out with whom, when they are next getting drunk, and, erm.. no, actually, that's it.

One recent episode had one of the female leads, a frizzy-haired girl whose name I have blocked out through trauma, boasting of relieving herself in a pub car park because the toilets were locked or blocked.

The pub, by the way, was called The Beaver (geddit?!).

I hate this show – it makes me wonder why I am alive.

It is a terrible waste of time and may well have been written by 12-year-olds on their school lunch break between games of Pokemon and mouthfuls of cheese strings.

Yet, as much as I hate it, strangely I find myself drawn in.
I wonder if one day it will ever



NO LAUGHING MATTER: Joe Tracini plays DK in BBC Three's so-called sit-com Coming of Age

make me laugh, or if I'll ever see the point, or if a plotline will involve any kind of imagination other than the bleedin' obvious.

Three of the characters are just

plain annoying, but they seem like two of the screen's great creations when compared with one of the others.

Darren, or DK, is an imbecile of the very highest order.

He's the kind of tracksuited village idiot who goes into a trance when somebody mentions 'boobs' or 'bum' and is what makes the whole sorry affair plunge through the bottom of the barrel and start tunnelling for Australia with a JCB.

I read that the first series of this abomination is available on DVD.

I'm planning to buy a copy and blow it up with TNT.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
MONEY could be tight this week, which is really frustrating. You may not be able to afford all the things you have planned. Don't make lame excuses; be truthful. Friends won't judge you, but they will offer help, both emotional and financial. Accept the former and refuse the latter.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) AN ability to put your creative talent to practical use helps you to travel or study for very little money. Refrain from telling an authority figure what you really think of their methods. Yes, this person is really full of themself, but they do have the

power to hire or fire you.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) THIS is a good time to make a large-scale purchase of some kind. Your first priority should be finding products that are known to be durable. A flashy status symbol may be a big boost to your ego, but it will also dent your budget. Do a little

research into which product is best. • To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Virgo 09067-531757

SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) LTAKING a class will put you in contact with influential people. If you long to switch industries, you need to surround yourself with those who can further your interests. An egotistical teacher could rub you the wrong way. Fortunately, you don't have to study with this blowhard.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) PAYING off a debt gives you a feeling of pride. It also helps you to spend more time on the activities you love. In the past you may have had to work a couple of jobs to make ends meet. Now that your financial obliga-tions have been fulfilled you can go back something you enjoy.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) PROVIDING stability for your loved ones is a noble endeavour. As a child, you may have been subject to an adult's wayward ways. Not knowing what was going to happen caused you a great deal of anxiety. Now you have an opportunity to create a nurturing environment for your family.

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store call Russell on Cancer 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) ALL your hard work is starting to pay off.
Although you may not have followed the most secure route to success, you didn't let that stop you from pursuing your dream. However, now that you've achieved some success, a one-time friend has become jealous.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) MORAL integrity is the cornerstone to your suc-

cess. While your competitors may cut corners or make false claims to attract business, you refuse to stoop that low. Granted, it may take longer for you to attract business, but eventually the public will recognise that you're the best.

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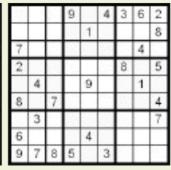
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- 1 Greek character thus produced pleasing sounds (5) 4 Mabel struggled having endless area to adorn (8)
- 8 Below building basic framework (14)
- 10 Showing layout of 99 matches played (9)
- 11 Didn't have mount for horse show (5)
- **12** Labourer loses five ships (4)
- 13 Patriot said drink must go first (8)
- 17 Question to disappear going round overcome (8)
- 18 English county was familiar in Scotland (4)
- 22 Luxury car encircling one fast car (5)
- 24 Not sure re performing a nice turn (9) 25 Market gardening business that is developing (6,8)
- 26 Thereis no going through it by the way (3-2-3)
- 27 Herb says 'time' (5)

DOWN

- 1 China from SE Némes (7)
- 2 Secure harbour that's a demilitarised area (4,5)
- **3** Sticky medal in mud (6)
- 4 Being something (6)
- **5** He, mixing with public, found it highly valued (4-4)
- **6** One's second personality to regale monstrously (5,3)
- 7 In River Soar Edmund rowed (5)
- 9 Habit of refusal? (4)
- 14 At home showing agreement but only roughly (9)
- 15 How Buck dug underground? (8)
- 16 Equivalent US cash Ma exchanged (2,4,2)
- 17 Particularly light? (4)
- 19 Can sort one of the prints (7)
- 20 Railway in dramatic surroundings (6)
- 21 Prince to expel novelist (6)
- 23 Some of decor furnishing island (5)

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OUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Manufacturer (5)
- 4 Fluctuating (8)
- 8 November 5th (3,6,5)
- 10 Bring in (9)
- 11 One from Des Moines perhaps (5)
- 12 Behind time (4)
- 13 Suicidal attack (8) 17 Condemn unheard (8)
- **18** Restraint (4)
- 22 Church council (5)
- 24 Underground fighter (9)
- 25 Intellectual nourishment (4,3,7)
- 26 Spawning (anag.) (8)
- 27 Prepared (5)

DOWN

- 1 Fool (7)
- 2 Single operation on typewriter (9)
- **3** Motive (6)
- 4 Stop sleeping (4,2)
- 5 Claviers (anag.) (8)
- 6 Nasal inflammation (8)
- 7 Not at all (5)
- 9 Leg joint (4)
- 14 Columbine (9) 15 Blind personís helper (5,3)
- **16** Up a gorge (anag.) (3,5)
- 17 Mail (4)
- 19 Brutal (7)
- 20 Bellringer (6)
- 21 Bower (6)
- 23 Ruth's mother-in-law (OT) (5)

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Tenerife is your paradise found

■ BY **HANNAH STEPHENSON**

TENERIFE is known as a tourist hot spot sullied by over-development and bad behaviour by visitors.

The island, however, wants a new reputation to lure discerning travellers to its sun-kissed shores.

The largest of the Canary Islands off the coast of north-west Africa, this Spanish isle has a temperate climate year round, rivalling destinations like Dubai and The Gambia for weather, with shorter flights from Britain.

A smattering of exclusive hotels is emerging on the west coast, far from the all-night partying of Playa de las Americas and neighbouring Los Cristianos, where apartments go so far inland they swamp the surrounding hills.

Away from all that is the fivestar Sensatori Resort on the outskirts of the village of Alcala, further up the coast, around 10 minutes' drive from the dramatic cliffs of Los Gigantes in the west. It's here that I discovered a true

It's here that I discovered a true taste of paradise, taking in the stunning 260m infinity pool, the largest in Europe, the shimmering Atlantic and the neighbouring island of La Gomera.

At Sensatori, the stunning rooms, marble flooring, sparkling chandeliers, fountains, designer decor and dramatic sculptures can take your breath away. Bag a villa in its Red Level area and you get a butler and private pool within your tropical garden, and an outdoor double bed under a thatched canopy. At the Sensatori's Michelin-

At the Sensatori's Michelinstarred Calima restaurant, where chef Dani Garcia is a bit of a celebrity, our 12-course taster menu began with delicious dry-ice cocktails and included delicacies such as foie gras, oysters and truffle cake, accompanied by fine wines, some produced locally.

But it's not only the hotels that are falling over backwards to spruce up this island.

Connection

Last year, Siam Park, a water park, opened in the south, boasting the biggest artificial waves in the world at nearly 10ft high. Its surrounding beach is created with tons of silky white sand imported from Portugal.

We hired a private cabana within the park, with its own balcony overlooking the wave pool, to allow us the luxury of a safe TV, DVD and Wi-Fi connection, plus mini-bar, comfortable loungers and an outside shower. If you want a similar package for four, including entrance, fast-track queuing and limited all-inclusive deal in restaurants and bars, it costs a cool 400 euros (£360).

Ecological measures are also being stepped up to save what is left of Tenerife's natural beauty.

Nearly a decade ago, virtually anyone could – and did – take a



LAP OF LUXURY: Enjoy some sun-kissed serenity at the Sensatori Resort near Alcala

boat from Los Cristianos to watch whales and dolphins. Many beautiful creatures were surrounded by boats, with tourists happily snapping away.

Under new rules, boats must be licensed and are carefully monitored to stop whales and dolphins from becoming distressed. The marine guide on our charter said that this had driven away unscrupulous operators.

Tenerife is still home to allnight party-goers, English pubs and and bacon-and-eggs breakfasts after a heavy night.

But if all you want is peace, quiet and serenity in the ultimate tropical setting all year, it may be closer than you ever imagined.

FACT FILE: TENERIFE

Time difference	O hours (GMT)
Language	Spanish
Capital	Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Population	900,000
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholic

Travel Facts

Hannah Stephenson was a guest of Thomson Holidays, which offers seven nights' full board at five-star Sensatori Tenerife in 2010 from £758 per adult (two sharing), including flights ex-Gatwick, transfers and fuel supplement.

Thomson also goes to Tenerife via Luton, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle and Bristol.

Thomson reservations: 0871 236 5596 and www.thomson.co.uk.

Freebird One organises tailor-made private charters to watch whales and dolphins. See www. freebirdone.com for more details.



MAKING WAVES: Relax at the resort's pool

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PROPERTY NEWS



SUCCESS: Hillreed has sold nearly all its properties

Off-plan property sales are through the roof

THERE is nothing a builder likes more than to sell a home before it's actually built, and that's exactly what Hillreed is currently enjoying at Greenway, Kings Hill, near Maidstone.

Dean Markall, sales and marketing director at Hillreed, said: "Such is the desire to purchase property, most of the homes in our 'Farmyard complex' at Greenway, are reserved or sold and that is before we have even got the roofs on.

"Buying off plan enables astute buyers to hold the prices at 2009 levels which make financial sense.

"The building societies are still reporting house prices rising month on month, albeit slowly over November, but nevertheless they are on an upward trajectory. We anticipate a healthy market in 2010 which is great news for those who have already invested in bricks and mortar."

Kent to get extra help to prevent repossessions

A KENT MP has welcomed news of extra government help for those facing

South Thanet Labour member Dr Steve Ladyman said he was pleased about the extra help to tackle house repossession in Thanet.

John Healey, minister for housing said Thanet is among 56 repossession hot spot areas in the UK being targeted for extra help.

Dr Ladyman said: "I am delighted the minister has recognised the need for extra help for Thanet. Thousands of people have already been helped by the Government at this difficult time but there are still people in Thanet having trouble keeping up the mortgage and good, independent advice is vital for them.

Others areas in Kent to benefit are Dartford, Gravesham and Medway.

Nearly 88,000 people have gone to www.direct.gov.uk/mortgagehelp since its launch in September, over 26,000 of whom have used it to develop personal action plans tailored to their individual



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THE FRENCH IDYLL: For many British people the typical rustic French farmhouse remains at the top fo their list when they are looking to invest or live in a home abroad

What you should know about buying abroad

KENT'S potential investors in overseas properties will do well to check out homes in France and Italy this year as two of the most stable markets.

The National Association of Estate Agents International said that, as always, any potential profits to be made will be down to the strength of sterling.

It said purchasers should look at what it called 'less risky' investments and in particular towards the more stable markets such as France and Italy

But for the very best bargains, buyers should try Spain or Turkey, where the former has seen spectacular falls in property prices during the past 18 months.

But the association predicts prices will remain stable in the first quarter of 2010, so purchasers should consider making cash offers by March to secure a bargain in any of these countries.

And experts predict the balance of supply and demand will stabilise once house prices pick up and the pound strengthens against

Linda Travella, spokeswoman on Italy at NAEA International said: "After a slow start to the year, the last quarter of 2009 saw sales and interest returning to the international market, with Italy being considered a safer investment than many other markets around the world.

"As always, the strength of the pound will

BY CHRIS MURPHY

have a significant bearing on the quality and quantity of sales, and this year it looks to stay at the same strength.

"Even though the UK appears to have fallen behind other economies in the race out of recession and economic recovery, sterling has held pretty firm against the single European currency, trading two to three cents either side of 1.10 during the second half of last

"For the first quarter of 2010 the number of international buyers is expected to remain low and therefore offers are more likely to be accepted making it a very good time to purchase an overseas property.

"However by late spring, property prices are expected to increase by three to five per cent. Key areas to invest in include Tuscany, Le Marche and the Lakes of Maggiore and Garda, where good deals can be found if you buy sensibly."

And Des Rowson, spokesman on Spain, added: "It has seen a difficult 12 months on the sales front as buyers have been particularly reticent about purchasing during an economic downturn.

"Bargains are available but remember, price reflects position and quality. Unfortunately the coming year will not change too much until we see the pound strengthening and clients accepting that the registered agents do know what purchasers are prepared to pay."

Top 10 tips for buying abroad from www.mortgages.co.uk

- · Never sign a contract that you do not understand (for example - if it is in a foreign language).
- Seek specialist advice from independent solicitors, architects and surveyors who know the country's laws.
- Ensure you do not inherit a debt on the property before you purchase, which a solicitor should be able to check - some developers borrow money against the plot to raise finance.
- Always give yourself a 'cooling off' period if you see a 'must-have property' and are tempted to put down a deposit.
- If you are arranging finance on the property, ensure in any contract and you have an 'opt-out clause' if a loan is not agreed.
- Try to arrange your mortgage finance 'in principle', before agreeing to purchase the property or pay a deposit.
- Arrange your mortgage in the currency that you earn in where possible, unless you'll receive rental in local currency.
- Think about combining your cash with friends or family: it could bring a villa with pool within your financial reach.
- · Check with the estate agent or vendor that you are aware of the costs charged by the legal and government authorities for purchasing a property. Remember that bills do not
- Open a bank account in your chosen country and ensure you get a Certificate of Importation for the money you bring in from your home country. Set up standing orders in a local bank account to meet bills and taxes. Failure in some countries will land you in court.

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- 2 reception rooms
- Large garden and no chain



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- Garage and driveway



- Modern 4 bedroom family home
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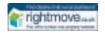
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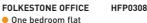












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- Recently refurbished
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- osp/single garage
- loft room/approx 160ft garden



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- Investment opportunity
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- HFP03072
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac location 2 bed detached bungalow
- Garage and parking



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- 2 bedroom house
- Superb renovationNo chain



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- Off street parking
- No chain



- Three bedroom semi detached



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23ft lounge/diner

3 bedrooms



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3 bedroom terrace

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Superb 4 bedroom detached

3 receptions, fitted kitchen

In need of workNo chain



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- Private rear garden
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- Large lounge/diner
- Good size garden
 Very quiet location Very quiet location



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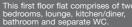
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36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wining and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079

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Brighton based man, 41, 5ft10, slim build, shaved head, looking for fun loving lady to share good times. I enjoy cooking, reading and walking.
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TRUE ROMANCE Fun loving lady, honest, sincere and trust-worthy, 4 fyrs old and looking for fun, maybe romance with an honest, sincere woman. I like nights in/out etc. Whitstable. Box 464494 €

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Romantic male, dark hair, blue eyes,
5'6", caring and loving, likes cooking
holidays, the countryside, bowling,
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Ashford. Box 465485

GAME ON Male, 44, 6ft tall, fairly
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44, looking for a female for friendship
and fun, let's start the summer not
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guy, young 47, professional, likes the-atre, the countryside and photography, loves travelling, hoping to meet a mature warm hearted lady for life-long romance. Sittingbourne Box 860916 TAKE MY HAND Genuine, honest

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Canterbury male, 48, white, 6ft3, medium-large build, likes cycling and walking to keep fit, and boats! WLTM slim black lady for possible LTR. Box 465219

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Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinemas, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 425202

GUIET TYPE Down-to-earth, fun-loving gent, 49, 5ft6, slim build, dark hair. I have GSOH and enjoy the simple things in fille; pubs, music, country walks etc. Maldistone. Box 465464

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 48, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

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SPECIAL Ashford man, 54, brown
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MOTORS NEWS



Black Edition marks 40 years on for 'Z' legend

NISSAN is celebrating 40 years of its legendary 'Z' sports car series with a Black Edition of the current standard bearer, the 370Z.

It is the latest in a line started by the then Datsun 240Z and still uses the classic rear-wheel drive layout preferred for sports cars. The Black Edition (from £33,645) is available to order now, in coupé form only, for April delivery.

It features unique red leather and suede interior with embossed 40th Anniversary logo seats and other premium features.



Sportage ready to step from RAV4's shadow

IF Kia's current Sportage is seen as a cut-price alternative to the increasingly expensive Toyota RAV4, its forthcoming replacement deserves recognition as a smart new model in its own right.

It is a fresh and sporty design blending the key features of a sports utility vehicle – commanding driving position and raised ground clearance.

The Korean marque says the new Sportage will arrive latter this year with a "highly competitive diesel and petrol engine line-up".



Skoda continues to help you save on a new buy

SKODA has extended its 'No-VAT' offer across all Octavia, Fabia and Roomster models, with a potential saving of up to £3,400. Instead of closing at the end of January, this deal continues with orders up to 31 March.

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It means the popular Fabia supermini still costs from just £7,870 – saving up to £2,100 and including the eco-friendly Greenline (pictured) – while the award-winning Octavia range that played a major role in the marque's revival is available from just £10,526.



A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER: Mazda has opted for a lighter and lower design rather than premium-priced 'eco' models epitomised by their smart tax saving new-look Mazda3

Mazda's 'lighter and lower' philosophy is looking good

RATHER than opting for premiumprice 'eco' models, Mazda has adopted a lighter and lower' design philosophy across its mainstream range.

The current Mazda2 supermini, Mazda6 family/Mondeo class car and now the Mazda3 family hatch have all had the 'treatment': better aerodynamics, weight-saving and reduced engine emissions and fuel consumption.

This has delivered range-wide tax and ecosavings exemplified by the latest Mazda3 (priced from £14,730) and particularly the tax-beating 1.6 TS2 five-door diesel tested here (£17,390).

It can average more than 60mpg – without needing a six-speed gearbox – and also incurs the lowest payable road tax of £35 a year.

And because a brand that markets itself with a 'Zoom-Zoom' label could not escape with anything less, it also handles well without detriment to the ride.

Where some diesel hatchbacks can feel lumpy compared with their petrol sisters, the inherent lightness of the '3' means the heftier diesel engine seems to make little difference to

ROAD TEST

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

the nimbleness of the car. So, with a typically crisp Mazda gearshift and direct steering plus a more than adequate 109bhp under the bonnet, this is a company or private buy that is easy to live with in all situations.

It cannot quite match the latest VW Golf for refinement, but is a more cost-effective option, to be judged more against the ubiquitous Ford Focus and latest Vauxhall Astra.

It looks leaner and more muscular than its rather frumpy predecessor and the cabin echoes the impressive Mazda6 in layout, style and quality, though rear legroom is only average for the sector.

Having driven most engines in the line-up now, test driving the well-equipped TS2 version of the 'cooking' diesel confirmed it as the 'go to' model for most buyers. By comparison, the 105bhp 1.6-litre petrol needs a lot of gearshifting to make progress, though still a rewarding drive.

For those who like the look of the '3', but crave more thrills, Mazda has also just launched the MPS hot hatch version (£21,500).

Arriving within months of the mainstream line-up this 257bhp turbocharged 2.3-litre petrol model can hit 62mph in just 6.1seconds and wears a bodykit to complement its good looks.



USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

SLASH YOUR MOTORING BUDGET



EVERYONE wants to slash their motoring budget and perhaps downsize too, but there's no need to buy new, even if used prices on top economy cars have boomed as 'gas guzzler' values went bust. Neither must you give up on style; admittedly, our choice here includes a couple of real motoring 'scrooge' options even though full of character, but BMW's Mini D can look after your wallet and street cred for a little more outlay upfront – you can be meaner and greener while making others green with envy

FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S five-door city car shows that a highly space-efficient interior does not have to result in a utilitarian exterior. The compact Italian is also decent to drive, cheap to insure and costs peanuts to run. The original Panda of the 1980s was also cheap and cheerful, but didn't feature the cutting-edge technology and better build of its modern day counterpart. A lively turbodiesel – averaging more than 65mpg - and a rugged little 4x4 option only add to the Panda's attractions.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	***

PEUGEOT 107



PEUGEOT'S smallest model is the best-seller of a joint venture three and five-door city car project that also spawned the Toyota Aygo and Citroën C1. All come from the same production line in the Czech Republic and, with minor styling tweaks, are modern, stylish, cheap to run and reliable. Launch prices were not as cheap as expected, but robust new car sales and second-hand values indicate that the public is willing to pay to save money and the planet.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

MINI D



USED values for the frugal yet lively diesel version of BMW's reborn Mini are steep, but the rewards are worth it; the car drives well, oozes class, will save money while you run it and be worth more when you sell. The downside is a relatively cramped interior in comparison with its exterior – the antithesis of its all-British forebear – and rarity when buying. A late 'Mark II' petrol version with BMW's eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics package is a possible alternative though.

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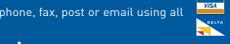
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DRIVING FORCE: Dover ran out easy winners over Thanet

Routine win continues Sharks' impressive run

THE gap at the top of London 1 South is now just one point after Dover strolled to a derby victory over Thanet and turned up the heat on leaders Gravesend.

Having twice been postponed, the fixture finally got underway with Dover playing down the Crabble slope, although it was Wanderers who made the brighter start.

Missing Ben Murray and captain Martyn Beaumont, the Sharks were forced to defend doggedly in the early stages, but they broke the shackles when Blair Charge kicked a 12th-minute penalty to open the scoring.

The hosts then scored a superb try to move

RUGBY

Dover 24 Thanet Wanderers 3

8-0 in front as Nick Ford and Ricky Mackintosh spread the ball to set up Lee Tonks, who crashed over.

Charge missed the conversion and Dover then became overly static, making too many basic errors, although their defence remained as firm as ever and the lead was still eight points at the interval.

Thanet kicked a penalty early in the sec-

ond-half, but that was to be the only time they troubled the scoreboard, with Dover controlling the remainder of proceedings.

Flanker Buster Collins raced through from the Thanet 22 to score in the 61st minute, with Charge not only converting, but adding three further penalties to see Dover comfortably over the line.

Dover have now won 13 consecutive games and could go top with a win at home to Sidcup on Saturday.

Sidcup sit fourth in the division and have been in good form of late, so Dover's title credentials will receive another stern test.

FOOTBALL

Broken leg leads to match abandoned

Deal Town A Sevenoaks Town A

DEAL Town and Sevenoaks Town will meet again this weekend to replay their Kent Senior Trophy quarter-final following the abandonement of last Saturday's game at the Oatmor-Harris Stadium.

Deal's Josh Davidson left the ground in an ambulance after suffering an horrific double leg fracture, thanks to a challenge which merited the afternoon's third red card.

With the game less than half an hour old, both sides had already been reduced to ten men with Rov Godden

Roy Godden departing for his part in an off-the-ball incident which also saw the visitors lose Tony Webb.

As the sides waited for a corner to be delivered, Webb appeared to elbow Godden, who in turn stamped on Webb, leaving referee Kevin Welsh no option but to dismiss the pair.

Up to that point, the game had failed to spark as both sides cancelled each other out, but the afternoon was suddenly soured as Sevenoaks's Joe Minter launched himself at Davidson, who was left in agony on the floor.

Minter was shown a straight red card and the crack of Davidson's bones was heard around the ground.

Even once the ambulance had arrived to take him to Margate Hospital, paramedics took a further 30 minutes to ensure no further damage was done.

ensure no further damage was done. Initial fears that the blood circulation to Davidson's feet would be cut off were soon eased, but the defender remains in hospital and is certain to face a lengthy spell on the sidelines.

Both sides are already playing catchup on those around them and next Saturday's scheduled league fixtures have now been switched to accommodate the cup tie.

Deal were in action last night as they entertained Faversham Town in the Kent League, looking to extend their five-game unbeaten run. Log on to www.yourdeal.co.uk for match details.







DEBUT: New loan singing Dan Leach impressed Dover boss Andry Hessenthaler with an assured performance in the heart of the defence, but up front Shaun Welford was unable to break the deadlock

Hess left frustrated after Whites' tepid Bath display

DOVER boss Andy Hessenthaler felt his side missed a chance to boost their play-off hopes after Saturday's goalless draw at highflying Bath City.

The Whites dominated the possession and created the majority of the chances, but were unable to find the cutting edge needed to find the net.

Shaun Welford skewed an early header wide and that was followed by Olly Schulz's goal-bound header which was cleared off the line by Chris Holland. Goalkeeper Ross Flitney was rarely troubled in the first-half and Dover felt hard done by having not taken a lead into the break.

Bath made a better start to the second-half and Danny Walder's last minute goal-saving tackle managed to keep the score at 0-0.

The visitors responded well and striker Adam Birchall was twice denied by goalkeeper Ryan Robinson. Hakeem Adelakun and Wallis both forced impressive saves from Robinson, as a dominant Dover had to settle for a point. The

draw means Dover remain third in the league.

Hessenthaler said: "I think looking at the

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Bath City 0

Dover Athletic 0

game it was a missed chance for us as we dominated the game. We had plenty of chances, but we just couldn't put them away.

"Adam Birchall had two great chances, but he just couldn't finish them. On the whole though it is a good result when you look at Bath's home record. They have managed to beat Woking and we more than matched them."

The Dover boss handed debuts to two new loan signings, central defender Daniel Leach and right-sided player Michael Abnett and was impressed with their performances.

The pair have agreed to one-month loan deals at Crabble with Leach joining from League Two side Barnet and Abnett coming from

Dover starting XI



Subs used: Adelakun (Walder 62), Rogers (Hill 74), Abnett (Birchall 74)

Championship side Crystal Palace. Dover have been trying to sign Leach for some time and could extend his deal if he continues to impress.

Hessenthaler said: "Both of them did very well. We needed cover with the injuries we've got at the club. You could tell Leach is a class act the moment the game began. At the moment it is only a month loan, but I would like to extend it. It all depends on Barnet manager Ian Hendon and whether he needs him."

Elsewhere at the club, central defender Craig Cloke has joined Ryman South side Ashford Town on a one-month loan in a bid to aid his recovery from injury.

Cugley philosophical over Invicta's off-field setback

FOOTBALL

BY **DAVID PRITCHARD**

Walton Casuals 0



Folkestone Invicta 1

DESPITE a points penalty hanging over their heads it was business as usual for Folkestone Invicta's players on Saturday as James Everitt's late goal secured a hardfought win at Walton Casuals.

An arrangement with creditors was formally agreed by Invicta's shareholders at a meeting on Friday, which gives the club some stability off the pitch.

The downside is the inevitable points penalty for briefly going into administration which, when it is confirmed, will wipe out the

Seasiders' lead at the top of the Ryman South. Invicta boss Neil Cugley was frustrated to see the squad's hard work eroded, but pointed out it could have been much worse

He said: "It's a shame, we're bitterly disappointed to have ten points taken away from us. "Like all these things the wrong people get punished – the players, the fans and the coach-



WINNER: James Everitt scored his sixth goal of the season to give Folkestone Invicta victory at Walton Casuals

ing staff – who have done nothing incorrect.
"It was very pleasing to win on Saturday because the players knew the situation. Nothing's changed, we'll just target as many points as we can get before the end of the season.

"In some ways I'm pleased because we can carry on long term. The fear was starting all over again in the Kent League so I suppose we shouldn't be too disappointed.

Invicta's eighth 1-0 win of the season was

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



Subs used: Williams (Dickson 75), Spiller (Austin 82)

ground out against a struggling Casuals side which showed little attacking intent, seeking instead to stifle the visitors.

Both goalkeepers were busy in the first-half without over-extending themselves.

The sum of Invicta's efforts before the break were two shots from Simon Austin which failed to trouble Walton stopper Chico Ramos.

Folkestone's Jack Delo made one smart save to keep the scores level at the start of the second-half, before James Everitt hit the woodwork with a shot from the edge of the box.

The striker finally broke the deadlock four minutes from time, tapping home after Frankie Chappell headed Jimmy Jackson's free-kick back across goal.

Lee Spiller also made a late substitute appearance, his first since recovering from a long-term knee injury, to add vital strength in depth to Invicta's slender squad.

Cugley's side visited fellow promotion hopefuls Godalming Town last night, log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the details

Whyteleafe visit Cheriton Road on Saturday.

RUGBY



YOUNG GUN: Chris Petley caps good display with try

Teen sensation gives **Folkestone platform** to make semi-finals

Folkestone 49 Whitstable 0

FOLKESTONE romped into the regional semi-finals of the Senior Vase with an impeccable display against fellow London 3 South East side Whitstable.

Lee Jeffery's side marched on even when reduced to 11 men at one stage, running in nine tries without conceding a single point.

The game's first score came quickly when Joe Hull disrupted a Whitstable scrum on their five-metre line, winning the ball back and finding Scott Stewart who dived over.

Minutes later the score was doubled in similar fashion, breaking up a Whitstable scrum, with Adam Tolman striding over.

Teenager Chris Petley, who was outstanding all afternoon, added the conversion.
The hosts were quickly out of sight with a

third try. Jon Mapp bulldozed his way through several tackles before releasing Ben Brooks, who sprinted clear to score. Petley added the extras.

Folkestone ran in three more tries before half-time, taking a 34-0 lead. Estonian prop Taavi Ermel scored his first try for the club, while Tolman and Ollie Brooks also touched down to punish Whitstable's mistakes.

Folkestone's disciplinary problems began after the break, when Scott Stewart was sent off for attempted retaliation.

It failed to inspire Whitstable to make a breakthrough and the lead was even extended through Richard Lama after more good work from Petley.

Mat Roots, John Eustace and Ollie

Brooks all spent time in the sin bin in the second-half, but remarkably it failed to disrupt the home side's dominance. Petley, only 18, took charge of the game in the final 20 minutes, creating one try for Jack McMurray and scoring the final try himself.

The Stones return to league action this weekend when they Heathfield & Waldron. host leaders

LEAGUE TABLESRYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

1 Newport County	26	19	6	1	+41	6
2 Thurrock	27	13	7	7	+9	4
3 Dover Athletic	28	13	6	9	+10	45
4 Woking	27	13	6	8	+8	4
5 Chelmsford City	28	13	6	9	+3	45
6 Staines Town	28	11	11	6	+13	4
7 Braintree Town	24	11	10	6 3	+10	4
8 Eastleigh	26	12	6	8	+20	42
9 Bath City	27	11	9	7	+11	4.
10 Bromley	28	12	6	10	+5	4
11 Welling United	27	11	6	10	+2	3
12 Basingstoke Town	28	11	5	12	-10	3
13 Havant & Waterlooville	24	9	9 5 7	6	0	3
14 St Albans City	27	10	5	12	-7	3.
15 Bishop's Stortford	28	9	7	12	-8	3
16 Maidenhead United	25	8	8	9	+2	3.
17 Dorchester Town	28	8	7	13	-14	3
18 Hampton & Richmond Boro'	23	6 5	6	11	-10	2
19 Worcester City	26	5	7	14	-7	3 3 3 3 2 2 2
20 Lewes	27	4	10	13	-15	
21 Weymouth	27	4	5	18	-39	1
22 Weston-super-Mare	27	4	4	19	-24	1

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Folkestone Invicta	24	1/	5	2	+20	56
2 Croydon Athletic	24	14	6	4	+28	48
3 Fleet Town	25	15	6	7	+21	48
4 Worthing	25	14	3	8	+14	45
5 Godalming Town	22	13	3 3 5	6	+15	42
6 Walton & Hersham	25	12		8	+6	41
7 Dulwich Hamlet	26	9	10	7	+5	37
8 Burgess Hill Town	24	10	6	8	+4	36
9 Chatham Town	27	11	3	13	-10	36
10 Sittingbourne	22	10	5	7	+14	35
11 Horsham YMCA	27	8	11	8	+5	35
12 Ramsgate	24	9	7	8	0 -7	34
13 Corinthian-Casuals	25	10	3	12	-7	33
14 Merstham	25	9	6	10	-8	33
15 Leatherhead	22	9	3	10	+8	30
16 Whyteleafe	24	9	3	12	+2	30
17 Metropolitan Police	23	7	7	9	+4	28
18 Walton Casuals	25	6	6	13	-11	24
19 Chipstead	26	6	6	14	-14	24
20 Whitstable Town	24	6	2	16	-33	20
21 Eastbourne Town	26	3	9	14	-29	18
22 Ashford Town	23	2	8	13	-34	14

KENT LEAGUE PRE	MIER	DIVIS	SION			
1 Faversham Town	17	13	2	2	+30	41
2 Herne Bay	15	11	1	3	+16	34
3 Erith & Belvedere	17	9	2	6	+3	29
4 Hythe Town	14	8	4	2	+25	28
5 Erith Town	14	7	3	4	+8	24
6 Beckenham Town	16	7	3	6	+8	24
7 Sevenoaks Town	14	7	3	4	+6	24
8 Greenwich Borough	16	6	5	5	0	23
9 Deal Town	14	6	4	4	-2 -5	22
10 Tunbridge Wells	18	5	7	6	-5	22
11 Sporting Bengal United	19	5	4	10	-22	19
12 Norton Sports	14	5	1	8	-5	16
13 Holmesdale	16	4	2	10	-7	14
14 Corinthian	16	3	3	10	-16	12
15 Fisher	18	3	3	12	-21	12
16 Lordswood	14	1	5	8	-18	8

Hythe cement place in top four with devastating win

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 6 Sporting Bengal United 1

HYTHE Town go into tonight's crunch game at Herne Bay full of confidence after racking up their biggest win since August on Saturday.

Five players got on the score sheet as Sporting Bengal were thrashed at Reachfields, extending Town's unbeaten record to eight games. It strengthened the club's position in the Kent League's top four ahead of the trip to Herne Bay, the only side with realistic ambitions of catching leaders Faversham Town.

Bengal are a different proposition to the side which conceded 160 goals and failed to register a point last season. The result was far from being a formality, but once Hythe took the lead on 23 minutes, they never looked back.

Jon Driscoll broke the deadlock midway

through the first-half, netting his first goal for the club since signing dual registration forms from neighbours Folkestone Invicta.

Two goals in a minute put the hosts firmly in charge. Dave Cook's goal was his first since November, before Gary Clarke made it 3-0. Hythe did not have it all their own way and the visitors slightly altered Scott Porter's half-time team talk by pulling a goal back on 44 minutes. It remained 3-1 until 15 minutes before

time, when Kieron Byrne ended any hope of a comeback with his 11th goal of the season. Michael Yianni completed the rout with two goals in four minutes, giving Hythe the perfect launchpad to attack Bay this evening.

Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk tomorrow for the details.



BRACE: Michael Yianni scored twice on Saturday

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